

WC 07-72

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of)
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Section 63.71 Application of)
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QWEST CORPORATION)
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For Authority to Discontinue)
Certain Services)

FILED/ACCEPTED

MAR 28 2007

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION

Qwest Corporation ("Qwest"), through undersigned counsel, hereby **files** this application to discontinue services pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, and Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214. Specifically, Qwest is seeking to discontinue ~~free/subsidized~~ **cell** phone services on or near the Navajo reservation lands in New Mexico.

Qwest is a nondominant carrier in the region in which the services are **offered**. Sacred Wind Communications recently became the incumbent local exchange carrier there. The Commission granted Qwest authority to transfer service to Sacred Wind in connection with the Joint Application for Consent to **sale** of Assets, filed on March 30, 2006 and granted by the Wireline Competition Bureau in a Public Notice, WC Docket No. 06-82, 21 FCC Rcd 6145 (2006). Qwest previously submitted a notice of discontinuance **as to the** ~~free/subsidized~~ wireless services on October 11, 2006, which it subsequently withdrew on December 1, 2006 in WC Docket No. 06-196. Qwest submits the following information in support of its application:

1. Name and address of carrier

Qwest Corporation
1801 California Street
Denver, CO 80202

2. Date of planned service discontinuance

The anticipated date for discontinuing free wireless telephone service or a wireless service subsidy is May 11, 2007, or as soon thereafter **as** the necessary regulatory approvals can be obtained.

3. Points of geographic areas of service affected

Qwest seeks authority to discontinue the provision on or near Navajo reservation lands in New Mexico,

4. **Brief** description of the type of services affected

Pursuant to an order of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, Qwest has provided free wireless service or checks in lieu of free wireless service to certain customers with orders in a held or pending status on or near Navajo reservation lands. The held order status arose due to Qwest's inability to obtain rights-of-way in order to place facilities. Qwest recently transferred the service area and customer base, including the held orders, to Sacred Wind Communications.

5. Brief description of the dates and methods of notice to **all** affected customers

Qwest mailed the letter attached hereto to all affected customers on March 22, 2007.

6. Dominance of carrier with respect to the service to be discontinued

Qwest is a nondominant carrier in the area where it offers the service to be discontinued.

7. Service

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a), Qwest has mailed a copy of this application to the Governor and public utility commission of New Mexico, as **well** as to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications under the Secretary of Defense.

Respectfully submitted,

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March 22, 2007



Your Pending **Service** Order **Has Been**
Transferred **to** Sacred **Wind Communications**

[NAME]
[ADDRESS]
[CITY ST ZIP]

Dear [NAME]:

As you were previously notified, Sacred Wind Communications acquired the telephone **service** area where you **live** from Qwest this past December. Our records **indicate** that you are currently receiving free wireless telephone service or a wireless service subsidy from us because your order for home telephone **service** **was** delayed.

Because Sacred **Wind** will be the telephone **service provider** in your area, Qwest will no longer provide **these services**, effective May 11, 2007, or as **soon** thereafter that all government approvals are received. If you are currently receiving a wireless service subsidy, **you will** no longer receive it after **this date**. If you are currently receiving free wireless service from us, please do **me** of the following before May 18, 2007

- Return your wireless telephone, using the prepaid label that was provided when it was delivered. If you no longer have the label, **simply** call us at 1 402-591-6020 for help. Collect calls will be accepted.
- OR
- Sign up for Qwest Wireless® service and pick the plan that fits your **life**, **while** keeping **the same** number. Just call us at 1 888-817-1711, extension **787-1122** for help in finding the plan and calling options that best meet your needs.

NOTE If you do not **return your** wireless telephone or **sign up** for Qwest **Wireless service**, your account **will be** charged **\$150**. If you are charged, **but** later return **the** wireless telephone in good working condition, your account **will be credited**.

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected.

If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 **day6** after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20054, and include in your comments a reference to the §63.71 Application of Qwest. Comments **should include** specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

If you have questions, please call our office for Public Policy in New Mexico at 1 505-245-8485.

Sincerely,

Laura Sankey
Executive Vice President, Marketing & Communications

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Richard Grozier, do hereby **certify** that I have caused the foregoing **SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION** to be 1) filed, with the Secretary of the **FCC**, and 2) served, via First Class United **States** mail, **postage** prepaid, upon the parties listed on the attached service list.

/s/Richard Grozier

March 28, 2007

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